



## **MIAMI-SOUTH FLORIDA**

## National Weather Service Forecast Office

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## CO-OP OBSERVER MEDORA KROME HONORED FOR EXCEPTIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE

A small ceremony honoring Medora Krome was held on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Medora received the John Campanius Holm Award, after 23 years of recording weather observations at the Perrine site for the National Weather Service's Cooperative Observer Program. The John Campanius Holm Award is for exemplary reporting of meteorological observations, as accurate and detailed temperature and precipitation records are a valuable resource to the Nation's climate and weather programs.

Perrine observations have been utilized by farming interests in southern Dade County for decades before the Krome family joined the NWS Co-op Program. Medora's father, William H. Krome, began taking independent weather observations at the site in 1941, and officially joined the Co-op Program in 1989. Medora Krome has been recording and quality controlling the observations for this location ever since her father passed away. The Krome family's extraordinary public service will make a lasting contribution to the communities who work to advance agriculture, transportation, and commerce.

The Perrine observation site, located at one of the last remaining family-run agricultural areas in southern Miami-Dade County, is the longest running individual/family Co-op site in the NWS Miami-South Florida county warning area. This is also the first time that an NWS Miami-South Florida observer has received this prestigious award.

## **CONGRATULATIONS, MEDORA!!**



Robert Ebaugh, Observing Program Leader (OPL), presents Medora Krome with the John Campanius Holm Award.



Robert Ebaugh (OPL) presents Medora Krome with the John Campanius Holm Award.



Medora Krome with Robert Ebaugh (OPL – left) and Meteorologist-in-Charge Dr. Pablo Santos (right.)



Medora Krome with Robert Ebaugh (OPL – left) and Hydrometeorological Technician David Ross (right.)